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IMAGE DATA

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 11, 2000, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 disclosing references cited during the German and European patent examination proceedings. A copy of the U.S. Patent document is not enclosed pursuant to current Patent and Trademark Office guidelines.

DE 197 26 877 was cited in the European Search Report. This reference discusses an image processing system for endoscopes, having optics having an adjustable focal width, in which objects (1) can be imaged on an electronic image converter (4) and passed to a display (14) in digitalized manner by way of electronic image processing, characterized in that a neuronal network (7) is integrated at an interface between a digitalizing signal pre-

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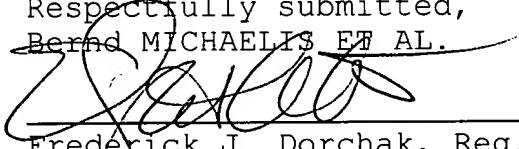
processing stage and a signal processing stage, as a correction system for imaging errors of the optics (3) and/or for the edge decay of brightness; a non-volatile programmable memory (8), to store emphasis values required for the neuronal network (7), and a system for detecting the set focal width are connected with the neuronal network (7).

A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for filing a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-2468 for any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this IDS.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

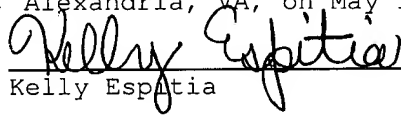
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